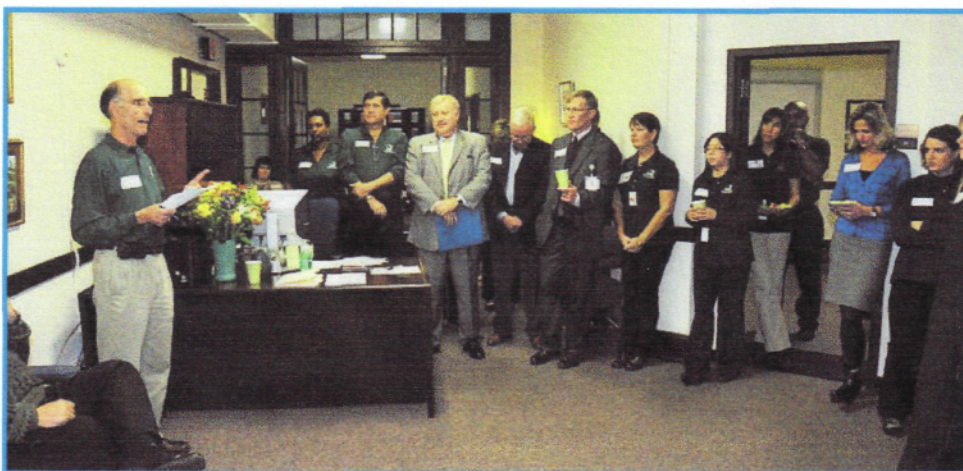


Rural Health celebrates 39 years



Office of Rural Health Director John Price welcomes staff and guests.



Acting Secretary Delia and Price read the proclamation. — Photos by Jim Jones



The Office of Rural Health and Community Care celebrated 39 years of service to the citizens of North Carolina last month. John Price, director of the office, thanked staff and guests from several counties for their efforts to make medical care accessible to rural families. DHHS Acting Secretary Al Delia read a proclamation from Gov. Beverly Perdue acknowledging the many contributions of the agency, which is the oldest in the nation to focus on addressing rural health needs. Delia praised Price and his staff for the important work they do to make medical care available to under-served areas.

Since it was created, ORHCC has opened 86 rural health centers across the state. ORHCC supports 28 rural health centers with funding and technical assistance. The office also helps to place medical, psychiatric and dental providers in communities across the state. ■

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